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Adjunct cuts provoke response

Columbian School departments gauge effect of 18% reduction

BY MATT BERGER

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The announcement earlier this month of an 18 percent cut in the adjunct faculty budget in the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences has provoked response from students and professors who feel the decision will hurt the quality of education at GW.

According to GW Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald Lehman, the money spent on adjunct professors in recent years was more than had been budgeted.

"The amount of expenditures increased by \$500,000," Lehman said. "We can't simply let spending go unattended."

CSAS Dean Edward Caress said the increase in spending on adjunct professors is the result of a combination of increases in salary, increases in the number of classes taught, an increase in registration, a decrease in teaching loads by full-time faculty members and a reduction in the number of students in classes.

"It used to be that each department had a budget directly for adjunct faculty," Lehman said. "They were supposed to stay within that budget."

But in recent years, departments have spent more than they had allocated to them for adjunct faculty.

"The real responsibility lies with the department chair," Lehman said.

Caress justified the expenditure increase. "I don't think any of the money was misspent," he said. "The

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—Donald Lehman,
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academic affairs



problem was that it wasn't planned and wasn't scheduled."

In order to bring the spending back into line, Caress implemented the 18 percent spending cut for all departments in CSAS.

"We've asked the departments to reduce their budget by 18 percent," Caress said, adding that he does not want to evaluate each department separately.

"I do not wish to micro-manage how a department functions," he said.

Christopher Sten, chair of the English department, said he is disappointed by the cuts.

"I don't think it's fair that a program that is heavily dependent on part-time faculty has to take an 18 percent cut where a department that has virtually no part-time faculty takes an 18 percent cut and it has no impact," Sten said.

Sten said English department cuts for the fall semester will be at the graduate and advanced undergraduate level. But he said he may need to make cuts to some freshman composition classes in the spring.

"I think there will be some disappointment," Sten said of how English majors will react to the cuts. "They'll have fewer choices."

Sten also said he believes the decision to cut adjunct faculty was made hastily.

"I doubt the cuts were entirely justified," Sten

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"We were careful to do this without hurting students."

—Jean Folkerts,
acting director of the
School of Media and
Public Affairs



Students stage library protest

Early closing of 24-hour reading room sparks peaceful sit-in

BY MARGARET MAGEE

HATCHET STAFF WRITER

A group of students frustrated with the recently approved tuition increase and cutbacks in adjunct faculty protested the closing of the 24-hour reading room in Gelman Library by holding a sit-in last Tuesday.

According to Dileep Rajan, one of the students involved in the protest, the students told the University Police officers who

reported to the scene that they refused to leave because they felt that by closing the reading room, the University administration was ignoring its commitment to academics.

Eight students refused to leave the library when the reading room closed at 3 a.m. The community service aide on duty informed University Police of the situation and then two officers took the students' ID numbers. The students then left the library peacefully at

about 3:20 a.m.

"The sit-in wasn't just about closing the reading room, it was a sign of concern, worry and frustration of students," said Kevin Groves, another protest participant.

University Librarian Jack Siggins explained that the decision to close the 24-hour reading room was made based on a survey taken last fall. Siggins said the results of the survey showed few or no

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Senate refuses PB request for funds

Spring Fling programming may be cut

BY TAMMY IMHOFF
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A disagreement between the Student Association and the Program Board about the reimbursement the SA owes the PB for 1997 Homecoming expenses heated Tuesday night's final Senate meeting.

It also threatens to affect the annual Spring Fling, planned for May 3.

The Senate had previously approved a \$2,000 allocation for Homecoming, but the PB planned on a minimum of \$5,000 from the SA. Program Board officials spent the money during the event and were awaiting approval from the Senate to reimburse the organization.

PB Executive Chair Rodney Salinas said that according to the Senate's bylaws, the SA is required to fund between one-quarter and one-third of the cost of Homecoming, the 10-day celebration last January that began with the GW-Massachusetts men's basketball game and culminated in GW's Homecoming basketball game against La Salle.

Salinas and PB Parties Committee Chair Omar Ashmawy presented paperwork that totaled the final cost of all Homecoming events at approximately \$20,000.

Salinas said the PB submitted the final costs of Homecoming to the Senate's Finance Committee, but has yet to receive reimbursement from the SA for its part of the cost.

Finance Committee Chair J.P. Blackford said his Committee had approved \$8,000 in total spending for Homecoming, and had therefore allocated \$2,000 of SA money.

Blackford said the \$2,000, which amounted to 25 percent of the \$8,000, met the financial obligation that the SA set forth in its bylaws. Graduate Sen. Richard Wilkie (SBPM) proposed that the Senate pass a resolution to "satisfy our (the SA's) financial obligation to PB for Homecoming."

An intense debate then ensued among the senators as to what the SA's obligation is — whether it is obliged to pay one-quarter to one-third of the \$8,000 the Finance Committee approved for Homecoming, or of the \$20,000 actually spent on the events.

Salinas said PB based its mid-year budget on the assumption the SA would contribute one-quarter to one-third of the \$20,000 spent. He said that if PB does not receive the money he believes the organization is owed, PB might be in default at the end of the year.

Salinas said Wednesday that PB needs at least another \$3,000

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Seniors question motives of class gift campaign

BY JOANNA MARKELL
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The 1997 Senior Class Gift campaign has generated more than \$1,800 in contributions, even in the face of criticism from some graduating seniors.

The Senior Class Gift Campaign was initiated by GW's Development Office earlier this year to encourage future alumni giving and to educate graduating seniors about GW's annual fund, said Stacey Morrison, an employee in the Development Office.

The campaign is chaired by Student Association President Damian McKenna and Program Board Executive Chair Rodney

Salinas, and it is headed by a steering committee of 12 students.

According to Scott Rembold, director of development for GW's annual giving programs, the money generated by the campaign from mail and telephone pledges will go into the annual fund for the purposes indicated by the contributors.

In a March 30 letter signed by Salinas and McKenna, graduating seniors were asked to contribute a symbolic \$19.97, or any other amount to the campaign.

"The goal of the senior class campaign is to raise \$7,500 from the Class of 1997 by December 31, 1997," the letter said.

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SAYIT warns admitted students of tuition hike

BY SHRUTI DATE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Members of the student group SAYIT (Students Against Yearly Increases in Tuition) distributed nearly 350 pamphlets about the recent tuition increase to prospective freshmen and their families at Saturday's spring visit program for admitted students.

Among other things, the pamphlet said, "Come for the financial aid and stay for the tuition increase..."

"We figured that we want to hit the administration where it would hurt the most — prospective students," said Oona Fles-Bauz, facilitator of SAYIT meetings.

The pamphlet also says the students feel GW offers an "excellent education" and is "a quality university."

"Mostly we told them that GW is a great University but the administration is being unresponsive to students," said Jonathan Skrmetti, coordinator of the effort. "I am not doing this because I hate GW, but I am doing this because I love GW and want to make it better."

"I thought that the kids were great," said Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Fred Siegel. "A prospective family looking at (the pamphlet) in the protest ... would wind up talking about how great this place is."

"We wanted to let prospective students know what was happening at GW," Fles-Bauz said.

The pamphlet informed visitors of the money brought in by the sale of the GW Hospital and the \$88 million brought in by the sale of the PEPCO building on Pennsylvania Avenue. The pamphlet

also pointed out that while tuition will increase by 6.9 percent, the University "has decided to spend \$3-5 million on the construction of Gelman Yard and more on other cosmetic improvements."

"Frankly, the administration has not done a good job of justifying the tuition increase," Skrmetti said.

But Siegel said he feels the University has done a "terrific job" informing students. He noted that the administration spent four hours with student leaders disclosing the University's financial information.

Fles-Bauz said, however, that the recent student reaction over the closing of the 24-hour Gelman Library reading room provides an example of the lack of communication between the administration and students. (See related story on the front page.)

The room was to be closed from 3 to 7 a.m. because administrators decided not enough students use the room during that period to justify keeping it open.

Students complained they were not made aware of the decision to close the room.

Fles-Bauz said SAYIT discussed the issue with University Librarian Jack Siggins, which led to a "dialogue that might be positive."

The focal point of SAYIT's efforts has become the issue of communication between students and the University administration.

"Communication is at the heart of SAYIT," said Jason Haber, a member of the group.

Haber noted that the initial objective of the group — to stop the 6.9 percent increase in tuition — was not achieved. But he added, "At least now we are getting some answers."

CRs host first 'Elephant' internship fair

The College Republicans hosted the first annual Elephant Internship Fair on Tuesday night in Colonial Commons.

"Without a doubt ... GW students are highly politically oriented and this is one way the College Republicans try to connect GW students with the resources of the city," said Matt Braynard, internship coordinator for the CRs.

Braynard said he hopes the fair connected GW

students with many internship opportunities in the city.

The fair catered to the entire GW community, but it was mainly focused toward the members of the College Republicans.

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—Heather C. Shaw

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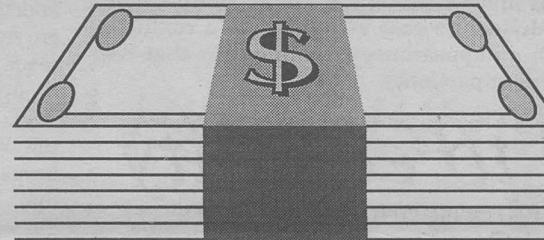
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Dropping the ball

The 1996-97 Student Association's term is only days from expiring, yet it still has managed to make a mess of the upcoming Spring Fling. Apparently all those campaign promises that were repeated as mantras during last year's elections — improved student services, fiscal responsibility, maturity — have already expired.

The SA voted to give the Program Board only \$2,000 to run Spring Fling. Unfortunately, to put on the biggest student event of the semester, the Program Board was expecting a minimum of \$5,000 from the SA — or a quarter to one-third of the total Homecoming budget, as required by the SA Senate bylaws.

Because the SA is in charge of so much money, you would think the members would understand that PB has been planning its budget for months — not expecting to lose a huge chunk of it less than two weeks before the event. But where students would expect to find accountability and intelligence, they find incompetence, absurdity and more time spent in Student Court than on programming. The cost of the renowned GW CD could have covered Spring Fling's expenses and then some.

The Program Board is now faced with cutting back on Spring Fling. The Lemonheads are under contract to perform; they'll get paid regardless. However, in contrast to previous years, students might have to get lunch before the event, because food and sodas possibly could be cut. It's also possible that PB might have to cut its budget for amusement rides, the staple of just about every Spring Fling.

In addition to the cross-eyed budgets that wind up costing students, GW now also has its own midnight judge. Nathan Curtis was recently appointed by SA President Damian McKenna to serve on the Student Court. Normally this would be routine. However, the court is scheduled to hear several cases that directly involve McKenna. The appointment of a judge who will shortly hear McKenna's case strikes us as a conflict of interest. The court is left with an appearance of impropriety that does serious harm to its reputation of impartiality.

Entitled to equality

The Supreme Court this week refused to hear a controversial case involving Brown University and Title IX, the federal law mandating equality for female athletes. They made the right choice — not because Title IX isn't worth tinkering with, but because the arguments involved in this specific case just didn't wash.

Brown officials argued that women aren't "interested" enough in sports to merit giving them equal funding for athletic teams. That is quite clearly untrue. Interest in women's sports is rising every day, with growing support for higher-profile games such as basketball, softball and volleyball as well as increasing interest in lower-profile tennis, golf or cross country.

A better way to address this problem would be to look, for example, at the conundrum created by college football — an extremely expensive program to run that has no women's equivalent. To keep their football programs afloat, some colleges have no choice but to cut other men's sports in order to keep the financial stakes even for men and women athletes.

It's possible that football programs could be granted some kind of Title IX exemption or loophole. Of course, such an exemption would have to ensure that colleges would not be able to pour all their money into football while cutting lower-profile sports — men's and women's teams alike.

But in this case, the arguments Brown and other universities used in their attempts to convince the Court were rejected — and with good reason. There is no evidence that women aren't interested in becoming college athletes. To the contrary, women's sports are on the rise, and as problematic as Title IX may be for some, it has definitely helped make that increase happen.

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New SA members operate a bit too much like the establishment

Is it just me or did last week's barrage of opinion from Student Association President-elect Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar's cabinet (The GW Hatchet, April 14, p. 5) seem less like charged political debate and more like a pointless show of empty power?

To tell the truth, I couldn't care less if Vania Smith, Jeff Baxter, Rob Hendin and Jesse Strauss are "insiders" or not. It does seem really pathetic, however, when such individuals feel the necessity to bludgeon The GW Hatchet with their earnest cries that they are regular folks like the rest of us peons.

It's time for these people to wake up. It seems that after spending an inordinate amount of time locked in their cubbyholes on the fourth floor of the Marvin Center, many student leaders seem to think that the SA is actually important in the day-to-day life of the average GW student.

Let's face it. The SA is insignificant. What have been their major accomplishments to date? Well, let's see, they created a GW CD that lost several thousand dollars because most students weren't interested and they wasted tons of money on an Academic Update that no one reads. Great job, guys.

And what haven't they done? Well, they complained about the tuition increase, yet did nothing in terms of actually preventing it. And they haven't done anything about the meal plan, or the financial aid office, or the elevators, or any number of other major issues that actually affect students.

Of course, those in the SA secretly realize their ineffectiveness. However, they also realize the

importance of filling the pages of The Hatchet with their insignificant squabbles so that students will think they have effective leadership. Therefore, we students get to read about fines, Student Court cases concerning other Student Court cases, tape recorders, in-fighting, calls for resignation and other such nonsense.

Yet our wonderful president-elect promises to change all this. Considering the people he has working on his cabinet, I can't wait to see what they come up with. Maybe next year the SA will put four more tracks on the GW CD AND release

David Jones

the Academic Update before the year 2006. Pardon me if I'm not impressed.

Based on early indications, our new cabinet members seem to be full of self-righteousness and empty of reason. For instance, Vania Smith calls poor Mr. Damron's attack "the biggest waste of paper in recent memory." Then, as a typical SAer, she proves that she can waste even more paper by charging him with being, essentially, a racist. Sorry, Ms. Smith, but your status as both a black woman and a director of Greek affairs does not make me want to compare you to Jackie Robinson or Martin Luther King Jr.

Then, Jeff Baxter demonstrates another common characteristic of student leadership by insinuating that Mr. Damron is

somehow being controlled by Sen. elect Patrick Macmanus because (gasp) the two of them are in the same fraternity! What sort of skewed logic is that? Following your logic, Mr. Baxter, I guess you are just being controlled by Nicholas Provenzo, since you both work on *Independence Magazine*.

Then Jesse Strauss, fresh off his monster victory in the Columbian School senator race, also takes the time to tell us that he is "not defending Q's appointments because of any overwhelming sense of loyalty, but rather because they are dedicated, enthusiastic students ..." Translated: "I'm defending Q's appointments because I want to be SA president next year, and these people are the type of people who get politicians like me elected."

And finally, Mr. Golparvar, ever the squeaky clean politician, acts indignant against the "manipulative politics that have vitiated the ability of the SA for so long." Golparvar's letter, which seems a mixture of campaign rhetoric and thesaurus-hunting, is the ultimate in manipulation.

Keep in mind that the whole goal to this barrage of opinion was to let these power-hungry "leaders" see their names underlined with big bold print and their new titles well displayed for all to see. Of course, the rest of us regular students shouldn't be angry about any of this. It's much better just to consider the SA as a minor league baseball team: fun to watch and entirely meaningless.

—David Jones is a sophomore majoring in English.

Loss of talented professor shows how cost-cutting hurts education

Last week, I received some news that left me absolutely heartbroken. One of the best professors I've ever had, Dr. Bonnie Morris, will no longer be a full-time professor at GW. She will be dropping down to part-time status next year, meaning she will no longer receive any benefits, including health insurance, and her pay will be half what it is now.

When Dr. Morris told my class the news, a general cry of "No!" could be heard throughout the room. I think it's safe to say that most everyone in the class I take with her, Feminist Theory, thinks she's a great professor.

She listens to what we say and lets us express views that are different from hers. She is one of a handful of professors I've met on this campus who have bothered to get to know the names of all their students. In addition, she has recently published a book and was nominated for an excellence in teaching award given by the University. While she has been a professor here, the women's studies program has tripled in size.

We all wanted to know why Dr. Morris' contract had not been renewed at full-time status in light of her outstanding achievements here at GW. She told us that the University is cutting lots of programs and that she wasn't given a full-time position because there just isn't enough money in the women's studies program budget to pay her a full-time salary. She loves GW and is not being recruited at any other institutions, since women's studies is not a program that is well-funded at any institution, so she has decided to remain here and teach the same class load she would have taught had she

Beth Stevens

Now, you and I both know that we pay an awful lot of money to go to school here. And yes, there are some wonderful things that we get in return for that money. We have great speakers from all over the world and we have access to the wonderful resources of Washington. But there are also a lot of things we don't get. We don't get a library where you can find basic items for classes. We don't get elevators that work properly or are in compliance with city codes.

And now I discover that we don't even get the faculty that the University recognizes as outstanding. Dr.

Morris can't stay here as a part-time professor with no health insurance and very little pay forever. Some other school will eventually offer her a better job, she'll take it and GW will lose an excellent professor. With every stu-

dent on this campus, I once again ask the administration: Where is our money going? Do they honestly think that we want our money to go to free T-shirts and plastic cups and a car and driver for President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg? Don't they see that what we really want is an education at an institution with a good faculty? Is that so much to ask in return for our nearly \$20,000 we pay each year?

I urge Dean Edward Caress of the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences to reconsider his decision to cut faculty and ask him to lobby the rest of the University's nebulous administration to allow more money in the budget for faculty. We came here to learn and we can't do it without good teachers like Dr. Morris.

—Beth Stevens is a junior majoring in history.

OPINION

Gelman lounge protesters say GW just won't listen

Early Wednesday morning, April 16, a small group of inflammatory enthusiasts tried to commandeer the Gelman Library's extended hours lounge but were unsuccessful. This is what the administration would like people to believe, if indeed they would have them know anything of the matter.

This group of eight peaceful students decided to use the Gelman lounge as a stage, since it seemed a perfect, though not the most obvious, example of some fundamental problems that lie between the administration and the students. This was their chosen stage for good reason. The Gelman lounge was transformed earlier this semester, from the 24-hour lounge that it was and that it is still commonly called, to an "extended hours lounge," closing at 3 a.m. and opening at 7 a.m. The transformation was quiet and discreet, without much concern for student feedback, like many other influential decisions on this campus. Students were merely told to leave at 3 a.m. Meanwhile, campus tour guides walk backwards by Gelman Library, explaining, "This is the 24-hour study lounge, where students can come any hour of the day or night."

Early Wednesday morning, the students staged their protest. When the community service aid announced that the lounge was being closed, the students politely refused to leave, stating their concerns and their

desire to be heard. When several University Police officers and a Metropolitan Police officer rushed to the scene, and the consequences became more dire, the students got up and left together, promising to return the next night. Were the students in this sit-in trying to return the lounge to its former state, or protesting out of principle? Neither. The Gelman lounge was a chosen stage. They were concerned primarily that they be heard.

These students have legitimate concerns. The first, of course, is the tuition hike. But the problems of the lack of concern and lack of voice for students, reflected in the Gelman lounge situation, are manifold. Why did GW buy Mount Vernon College? Is that where the tuition increase money will go?

Why is \$3.5 million being spent on a fountain, benches and the like in Gelman Yard? Why might all student mailboxes be moved to a room in the Marvin Center next year? These are not necessarily bad ideas, but it seems that the money spent on such peripheral concerns would be better spent on substantial issues as maintaining the part-time staff the administration has decided to eliminate, potentially boosting

class sizes and reducing the quality of education at GW. Isn't the education really what's important here? Enhancing the minds and enriching the lives of the students - that is what the University is supposed to be about. The administration is not accountable to the students, and that is the heart of the protesters' requests.

The student protesters were not without a defined purpose. They were not just looking for something to complain about. They had a typed sheet of demands in which their fundamental request is:

If decisions such as the tuition increase and the Gelman Yard spending

are now intractable, "the participants of the sit-in ask President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and all eight vice presidents to convene a town hall meeting at a time and location convenient for both themselves and students" to answer to concerns on these financial and other issues. Here would be accountability. Here would be some recognition of the existence of an unacceptable level of student disaffection toward the administration, and some small attempt to mitigate it.

It seems that the administration did, in fact, hear of this protest on Wednesday

morning. When the students returned Wednesday night, as they had said they would, they were informed that the lounge was now, once again, a 24-hour lounge. Their stage for protest had been taken away. Though I had remained aloof from the sit-in until this point, this move struck me. It seemed to me that the administration thought that if it removed the splinter from our finger, it could make us forget the poison we had been fed.

Yet even this one small complaint has not really been dealt with. My roommate was studying for a test late last Thursday night in the Gelman lounge, and at 3 a.m. Friday morning, he and other students were told to leave as before. The lounge was made a 24-hour lounge for only one night, to prevent student protest. This is not over.

To GW's students, faculty, administration: Do not dismiss this as the blind outpouring of feeling by some one-issue zealots who, when the single catalytic issue has been resolved, will subside. There's a lot more at stake here than a study lounge. The administration is still not held accountable for its actions. The year is drawing to a close, but the students are not finished. Nobody should think that they are.

-Jim Wenger is a sophomore majoring in geology.

Jim Wenger

Green University: more than just recycling

Ouch!

I don't know whether to be sad or mad about the article in the April 10 GW Hatchet ("Students wonder if GW is actually a 'Green' U.", p. 14).

I am sad because the article short-sightedly and myopically picked the wrong measure of merit. This past week's Earth Week activities celebrated the depth and breadth of GW and our many Green U. volunteers' commitment to the environment - from arts to science to an international role. It was Green U. that made GW an attractive venue for President Mikhail Gorbachev in his new environmental endeavors.

I'm mad because of the article's failure to recognize the many volunteer efforts of students, faculty and staff working to make GW a green University. It will not happen overnight, nor should it. It takes a cultural change, and that needs to involve everyone on our campus.

The purpose of recycling is to turn a waste stream into a feed stock for useful products. Why recycling isn't working in the District, and many other parts of the nation, as well as it should is because we have been fixated on "supply cycle recycling." We've too often fixated, as The Hatchet article did, on our percentage of waste stream segregation rather than purchase of goods with recycled content. Where Green U. and our committees have focused is on the demand side of recycling - phasing in purchase of materials, like Union Camp's Great White Paper, that have recycled content. We are working with vendors on and off campus on this and have had success to the point where we've been contacted by the Environmental Protection Agency to use GW as a national

example of how to do it right.

I'm not a fan of getting 100 percent recycling at GW, because we know the materials we separate won't really be productively recycled once they leave campus. But once we know materials will really be recycled when they leave campus, then we can create the right regime to recycle on campus. That will involve all of us, and from what I've seen, this won't be easy.

GW made an effort this past year to better mark the outside recycling receptacles. They have a white lid with a small hole on top printed with "cans and glass." The regular trash receptacles are blue with a large hole and say "trash." I don't see these as either rocket sci-

Laurent R. Houcle

ence or deeply philosophical distinctions: small and white versus big and blue, cans and glass versus trash. One would think college-educated people could understand the difference - but in every receptacle I've looked at since your article was published, we don't.

Waste segregation depends on all of us: We can be as green as we are willing to be. Among all our programs, this is the one environmental program most out of the control of the Institute for Environment. It takes the ability of everyone to do the right thing - put their trash in the right receptacle. One careless act essentially changes an entire can of recyclables to trash. This is not to say that more cannot be done. Once systems are in place to make sure our recy-

cled material gets reused, we will turn more intensely to the education phase of waste segregation. To do otherwise only leads to frustration.

As for the Green University initiative overall, I think your article was more than unfair. A green university has many attributes, as does a robust ecosystem. It shouldn't be measured by just one - particularly when the measure of merit is wrong. There are many positive things happening that the article conveniently ignored. GW is increasingly being recognized by progressive segments of industry and government as having one of the nation's most all-encompassing environmental programs.

Will we be the "Greener University?" The answer to that question is a resounding yes! There is so much being done that has rarely been noticed by the larger University community - a student lighting sensor project, environmentally responsible landscaping, environmental characteristics of the new residence hall, the paperless office campaign in the Academic Center, the environmental values seminar and other new course offerings, as well as more than 20 events celebrating Earth Week. To have a perfect environmental record or program is all but impossible, but to be a leader is something we are achieving.

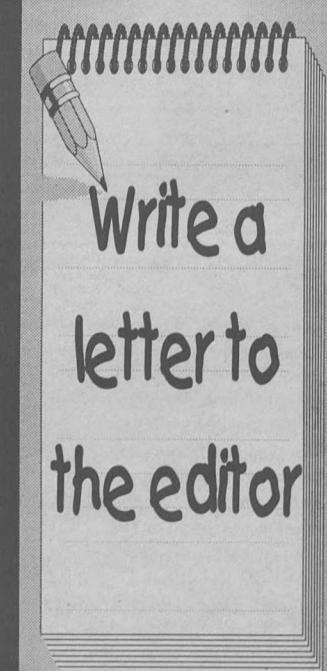
A last comment to the professor who preferred not to be named. I'd like to challenge that person to a public debate on recycling at GW and what it means to be a green University. It reminds me of the old saying, "Lead, follow or get out of the way." The Green U. initiative needs leaders and followers, but if you won't do either ...

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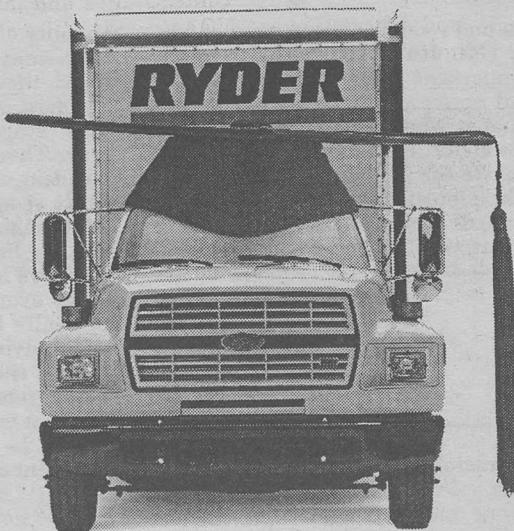
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Panelists offer tips for minority dollar

BY SEMIRA ASFAHA
HATCHET REPORTER

The sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority held a panel discussion on "Empowering the Minority Dollar" at the Marvin Center April 16.

The panelists discussed tips on how to start a business and the resources available to women and minorities.

"One of AKA's national goals is the black business round table," said Alpha Kappa Alpha member Elbie Bekure. "This event was organized with that theme in mind, to help empower the minority dollar at the minority level, at the level of women and even at the college level."

The panelists included Tracey Pinson, the director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, and Faye Farah and Anne O'Brien, who both own their own businesses under the umbrella of a larger business.

Farah stressed the importance of networking for success in business. She encouraged students to become involved with one of the 400 women's networking groups such as the National Association of Female Executives, the National Foundation of Women Business Owners or Women's World Banking.

These networking organizations give their members the names of other women in the business they are interested in, introduce them to a mentor and may

even provide a loan to get them started.

"The money that you pay the organization for your annual dues will pay off," she said.

The real issue behind affirmative action lies in preference programs, Pinson said. In 1986 the federal government passed a law requiring government agencies to do 5 percent of their business with businesses owned by minorities.

"Eliminating affirmative action would hurt this preference in contracting," she said. "Do not be fooled. This is where the real economic activity is."

For example, Pinson said that in 1996, 29 percent of what the U.S. Army spent went to small business owners. Just less than 10 percent went to minority-owned businesses, and 3 percent went to women's businesses.

She said it is difficult for a new business to penetrate the already existing competition, but a tremendous opportunity exists for small business owners. She encouraged students to contact her for tips on how to penetrate the competition.

She said the main reason for the increase in the number of minority businesses the government does business with is preference legislation. But she said no preference programs exist for women.

"To have preference programs for women, you need to be involved in political action committees to make your congressperson respond to your concern," she said.

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ACC drops lawsuit after SA reverses fine

Court avoids hearing first financial case

BY MATT BERGER AND
DONNA BRUTKOSKI
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

The American Collegiate Conservatives dropped a Student Court lawsuit against the Student Association Senate Finance Committee Tuesday after the committee agreed to reverse a fine levied against the group.

"The ACC account shall be placed in good standing with my office and that of the Student Association," SA Vice President for Financial Affairs Andrew Lewis wrote in a memo to ACC President Jeff Baxter.

The ACC was fined \$180 after some of its members attended a mid-year review allocation hearing with the Finance Committee. ACC members argued that since they have stopped planning activities and did not need any additional funds, their presence at the meeting was not required.

The suit asked for the \$180 fine to be overturned, and that the ACC be returned to good standing with the Office of Campus Activities and the SA. The SA agreed to those terms.

"(SA President) Damian McKenna) gave me a call and said he, along with other people in the SA, had been looking at the case and had decided that they were just going to refund the fine rather than go ahead with the case," Baxter said. The settlement of the ACC case means one less legal headache for the SA, which is facing several challenges in Student Court this week. The case, along with one *Independence Magazine* brought against the SA, were scheduled for Thursday.

"I think part of (the reason for the settlement) is that they have a high caseload, and part of it is they looked at the case and found out they couldn't win," Baxter said. "My feeling is they know that (Finance Committee Chair) J.P. (Blackford) screwed up in his handling of the whole matter."

Blackford claimed the ACC was responsible for submitting a budget to the Finance Committee in order to skip the allocation hearing. Baxter claimed the budget was submitted. Blackford denied the claim.

Blackford denied any SA wrongdoing in the matter. "By dropping the case, we are simply saying that it is not worth the \$180 to fight the case in court. We are in no way saying that the ACC is correct."

Blackford also said he did not want the court to begin ruling on financial issues. "We don't want to have the court rule that they can change anything as far as finance."

The Student Court has never heard a case on a financial issue.

"By dropping the case, we are simply saying that it isn't worth the court possibly setting a precedent that is not beneficial to the students," Blackford said.

The fine represented 15 percent of the group's allocated money, the standard fine for not attending the mid-year review. The ACC appealed to the committee last February, but did not receive a ruling until earlier this month. The appeal was rejected by the Finance Committee.

"I'm just glad we could work out a pre-trial agreement," Baxter said. "I don't think either of us wanted to spend the time fighting it out in court."

'The Travel Minute' news, tips go on-line

Travelers take note: "The Travel Minute" has gone on-line.

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Male candidate still in race for campus queen

BATON ROUGE, La. — Southern University senior Rufus Young admits he isn't one for tradition.

As a male candidate for the Miss Southern Pageant, Young is already bucking the conventional image of a beauty contestant by

CAMPUS ROUND-UP

entering the school-sponsored contest.

But he's also going a step further, by arguing he shouldn't have to strut his stuff in an evening dress or in a swimsuit to be eligible to win the title of Miss Southern.

Students cast votes for Miss Southern just as they elect the student body president and class officers. Young said he objects to the pageant because it doesn't have any bearing on who wins the title.

"There is no rule that mandates that I have to participate in the pageant," said Young, a senior English major and Dallas native. "If I am disqualified it would be under an unwritten law, which would be illegal. The pageant has nothing to do with elections."

Traditionally, students compete for the Miss Southern title in a pageant that consists of a swimsuit, eveningwear and talent competition and an interview segment. The winner is crowned during homecoming week and serves as a representative of the student body at various functions throughout the year.

Some students spurn Phi Beta Kappa

Students used to view invitations to join Phi Beta Kappa as coveted honors, even the highlight of their collegiate careers.

Nathaniel Hawthorne and John Quincy Adams owned the small, engraved gold key signifying membership in the nation's oldest academic honor society. George Bush has one. Bill Clinton, too.

Today, however, an increasing number of students are apathetic, even contemptuous, toward what used to be academia's instantly recognizable status symbol. Hundreds, to date, have tossed invitations to join the society in the trash.

"I was offended at the idea of joining," said Matthew Davies, a

senior at the University of Arizona whose GPA of "around 3.89" earned him an invite. The physics and math major, soon en route to India on a Fulbright Scholarship, thinks honoraria are fluff — "hardly any meaningful measurement of who you are."

Community colleges and four-year schools split on tuition-sensitive grants

WASHINGTON — Community college leaders say they'll block any efforts by four-year institutions to make Pell Grants tuition-sensitive.

Associations representing four-year public and private colleges and universities have proposed tying Pell Grants more closely to the cost of college. That move would make a student who attends a more expensive college eligible to receive a larger grant than if he or she enrolled in a less pricey institution.

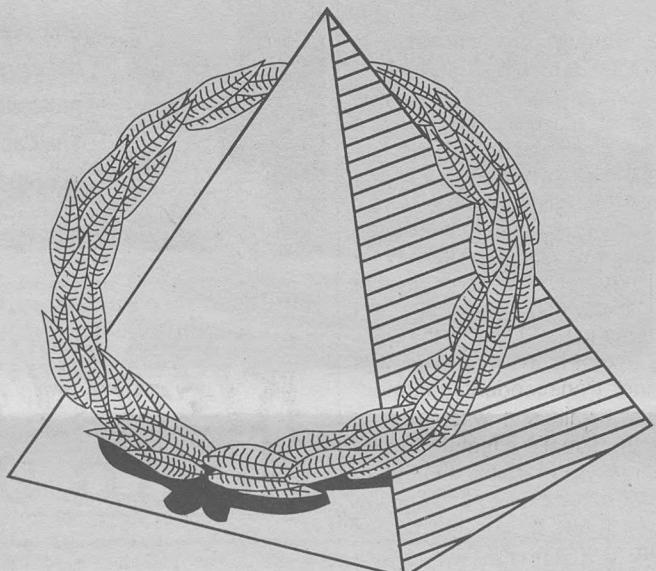
However, members of the American Association of Community Colleges say tuition-sensitive Pell Grants would make it harder for their neediest students to attend college at all. They also fear it may cause community college students to migrate to four-year, public universities.

"I don't think that our students should be treated any differently, depending on where they want to go," said Simon Visser, associate comptroller for the City College of Chicago.

Visser said tuition-sensitive Pell Grants are unfair because students attending lower-priced institutions would not qualify for the maximum grant.

On the other hand, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities is strongly in favor of such a system, saying that it will allow some students to attend member schools without having to take out loans.

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Chasing Amy catches laughs

BY ERIC D. KERENSKY
WEEKEND WRITER

Kevin Smith is back with the final chapter of his New Jersey trilogy, *Chasing Amy* (Miramax). This time around, though, the writer/director of *Clerks* and *Mallrats* takes a much more mature and challenging look at love, relationships, sexuality and the growing pains that come with adulthood.

Chasing Amy is full of the fast-moving repartee and witticisms that Smith is best known for, but the story line of the film represents a rapid departure from his earlier, more sophomore ventures.

In the movie, life-long friends Holden McNeil (Ben Affleck, *Mallrats*) and Banky Edwards (Jason Lee, *Mallrats*) are the creators of a successful comic book, "Bluntman & Chronic." When they meet fellow

comic book creator Alyssa Jones (Joey Lauren Adams), the three are forced to deal with their own demons of relationships and friendships.

Chasing Amy tells a 1990s version of the tragic love story. Boy meets girl. Boy falls in love with girl. Girl turns out to be a lesbian. Boy forges friendship with her anyway. Girl questions her own sexuality. Boy's best friend becomes jealous and defensive. Girl's sexual history overwhelms all other concerns.

The movie is a daring attempt to address a subject matter that no mainstream movie studio has dared touch in the past. Unfortunately, the seriousness of the subject matter requires well-developed characters that (See *CHASING*, p. 2)



Holden (Ben Affleck) falls for Alyssa (Joey Lauren Adams) in *Chasing Amy*, even after she tells him that she is a lesbian.

Dancers perform eclectic concert

BY HEIDI WICKER
WEEKEND WRITER

Perhaps the best word to describe the GW Spring Dance Concert is "eclectic."

Each of the seven pieces is unique and choreographed in an entirely different style than any of the others. From GW dance professor Joseph Mills' solo in white underwear to the flowing robes of Washington-based guest artist Dana Tai Soon Burgess' group piece, each work shows a new look of the diversity of modern dance.

The concert has only a few pieces that most audiences will find aesthetically appealing and these are scattered throughout the performance, which helps to keep one's interest. The choreography of Burgess' group piece is reminiscent of an underwater mermaid scene and is probably one of the most well-rounded works.

The last piece, choreographed by guest artist Gloria McLean, a professional dancer from New York City, is also excellent and explores the principles of balance and support.

In addition, the two performances by GW senior Giselle Ruzany are tested (See *SPRING*, p. 3)

Hatchet Rating:

Director lauds freedom of expression up north

BY LINDSAY METZKER
WEEKEND WRITER

So what sort of person finances, writes and directs a movie about necrophilia? A morbid individual? One who is obsessed with death?

Quite the contrary. Canadian director Lynne Stopkewich was animated and lively as she eagerly spoke about her first feature film, *Kissed* (Orion), during an interview in Washington last month. She was well-dressed and polished, and only the silver band of skulls on her left hand suggested anything involving death.

Stopkewich, who has previously produced short films and acted as a production designer, said she is relishing the attention her three-year project has received, both in her native Canada and worldwide.

But why make a movie that portrays a sexual taboo in such a sensual and transcendent manner? Stopkewich said she was "burning with desire to make a feature film for a long time ... I read this short story by Barbara Gowdy — I sort of stumbled upon it and thought it was just fantastic ... totally shocking, totally different. I thought, 'Wow, if this short story is affecting me like this, what if it was a film?'"

Gowdy, a popular Canadian author, agreed to the project and remained involved by reading drafts of the screenplay and viewing rough cuts of the movie to provide feedback. Stopkewich said she, the screenwriters and the cast remained faithful to the original story, changing only a few minor details and altering the character of Sandra slightly.

Stopkewich said several differences exist between American and Canadian attitudes toward artistic expression and governmental support when it comes to films like hers, as well as to David Cronenberg's controversial *Crash*.

"It's easier for Canadian filmmakers to make their first features because there is more money available," she explained. "In Canada, 500 people compete for the same grant, and it might be 5,000 (in the United States) ... it's tough."

In addition, the Canadian government does not "purport to be a moral censure board," Stopkewich said. "It doesn't put its hands in the arts."

When asked how people might feel knowing their tax dollars helped to fund a potentially controversial project, Stopkewich said she is positive "(they) will feel great when they find that this is one of the only films in western Canada that will make a profit. They'll get their money back and there will be money out there to support some other freaky filmmaker."

She said reactions to the film (See *FILMMAKER*, p. 2)



Sandra (Molly Parker) runs into romantic problems when her sex escapades with the living and the dead collide in *Kissed*.

Kissed displays death as sensual

BY LINDSAY METZKER
WEEKEND WRITER

If you're the sort of person who blanches, blushes, shudders or moans at the thought of graphic sexuality in movies, kindly turn to the sports page and don't bother finishing the rest of this article. This movie is certainly not for you.

If, however, you enjoy pondering a film for hours after you see it, *Kissed* (Orion), Canadian director Lynne Stopkewich's first effort, is a perfect choice.

Based on Barbara Gowdy's short story "We So Seldom Look On Love," Stopkewich blends issues of relationships, mortality and eroticism in the story of Sandra Larson, aspiring embalmer and necrophile.

Sandra (played by Natasha Morely as an adolescent and Molly Parker from "Lonesome Dove" as an adult) has an obsession with death that begins in childhood. She devotes her time to planning and executing elaborate, ritualistic vermin burials and she scares away her only friend when her ecstasy becomes too evident.

Her fascination with death does not wane as she matures. Sandra finds an after-school job at a local funeral home and continues her education at mortuary school. Both Morely and Parker capture the awkward vulnerability of adolescence and young adulthood — expertly confronting universal coming-of-age traumas from peer ostracism to a first sexual experience.

When Matt (Peter Outerbridge, *Cool Runnings*) enters Sandra's life, her nocturnal attentions to the funeral home clients do not repulse him. To the contrary, he is initially fascinated, but begins to resent Sandra's devotion and dependence upon her encounters with death.

He accosts her with the obituary page, demanding to know with which corpses she has copulated. Outerbridge portrays the frustrated lover intensely and compassionately, as he struggles to please Sandra and suffers when he realizes he cannot accomplish this feat.

Relationships are central to the film. Stopkewich establishes an almost Shakespearean motif — Matt struggles to satisfy Sandra as both companion and lover while she seeks refuge from the demands of a committed relationship in the arms of dead men. Sandra's relations with the corpses transcend the realm of reality.

Stopkewich has called her project a "date movie for the millennium." Sandra's necrophilia and Matt's evolving reaction to it are like an exaggerated metaphor for couples involved in romantic relationships, armed with only compromise and sacrifice.

Kissed is set in the 1970s, and the costumes — bell bottoms, polyester and Pucci prints — add nicely to the overall effect. The film is oriented more toward image than dialogue, though, which is apparent in the highly clichéd lines Sandra and Matt exchange. Their stilted conversations make caring about them difficult at times. The black humor and puns riddled throughout, however, are dead-on.

Kissed opens in theaters this Friday.

Hatchet Rating:

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	Cineplex Odeon Foundry	M. St. at Thomas Jefferson Ave. (703) 714-9062	4000 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. (703) 714-9032	Volcano (PG-13) daily 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 (12:00 a.m. Fri.-Sat.)	The above listing is for movies playing between Fri., April 25 and Thurs., May 1 as provided by theaters.
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Former DNC chief will speak at GW

Kirk will deliver 'historic' address

By JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Former Democratic National Committee Chairman Paul G. Kirk will give what is being billed as the first major speech on campaign finance reform by a former party chairman at GW Thursday morning. Kirk is expected to take a highly critical look at the two parties and to declare that "the cost of our elections is costing us the health of our democracy," according to a press release issued prior to the event.

He will call for "bold steps ... to shock our Congressional friends from their denial."

Kirk will urge President Clinton to "signal the Democratic Senate and House Campaign Committees that from this point forward he will raise money and campaign in the 1998 elections only for candidates who have signed on as sponsors and who are pushing for expedited hearings and enactment of serious campaign finance reform legislation."

The former chairman is a supporter of such reform efforts as voluntary spending limits, public financing, free TV time, abolishing "leadership" political action committees, full disclosure at the national as well as state levels and strengthening the Federal

Elections Commission.

Kirk believes that escalating campaign costs and lower voter turnout are evidence of citizens' disgust with the American political process.

"As party leaders ... we must have the wisdom to recognize that a system can become so competitive, so costly and so driven toward partisan political advantage - in campaigns and in governance - that it can lose the trust and respect of the very citizens whose confidence and support it seeks," Kirk said in a press release.

Kirk served as chairman from 1985 to 1989 and was the party's treasurer from 1983 to 1985. He is counsel to the law firm of Sullivan & Worcester LLP in Boston and heads a business advisory and consulting firm.

He also serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the John F. Kennedy Foundation, the National Democratic Institute of International Affairs and as a co-chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates.

Audra Garling, a public affairs specialist in GW's office of University relations, called the address "historic." ABC News, CNBC and other media outlets are expected to cover Kirk's speech.

Kirk will speak at 11 a.m. in Marvin Center room 405.

GW to sponsor super-terrorism seminar

GW's Terrorism Studies Program will sponsor a seminar Thursday about "super-terrorism."

"Super-Terrorism: An Update" will be held in Marvin Center rooms 402 and 404 from 10 a.m. until noon. It will be chaired by professor Yonah Alexander, director of GW's Terrorism Studies Program, and professor Edgar H. Brenner of the GW Law School.

A report of an international conference held in Israel March 11-13, entitled "Preventing Super-

Terrorism: Threats and Responses," will be released at the seminar. The conference was co-sponsored by the Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies, which includes GW's terrorism program.

Speakers will include former CIA official Stanley Bedlington and Gerald Epstein from the Office of Science and Technology Policy for The White House National Security and International Affairs Division.

-Matt Berger

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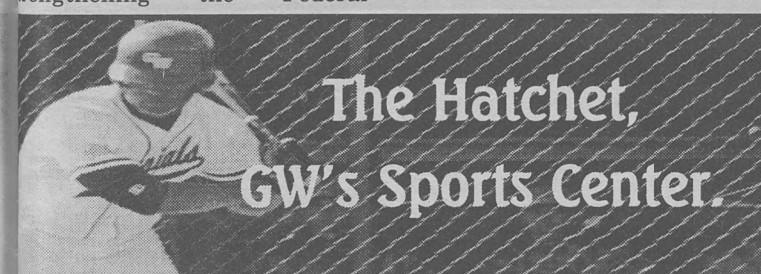
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SA, PB argue over Homecoming expenditures

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from the SA, which would cover the 25 percent of the Homecoming budget the SA is required to pay.

He said if the SA does not come up with the \$3,000 in the next few days, PB will be forced to cancel part of Spring Fling to balance its year-end budget. He added that without the additional money, PB

most likely will be unable to provide food at Spring Fling.

"We're at the mercy of the SA. It's a week before Spring Fling and all of a sudden the SA is affecting our budget — which they shouldn't be doing anyway," Jason Toney, PB's multicultural affairs chair, said Wednesday.

"We are asking for an addition-

al \$3,000 at the very least because that is what they owe us," Salinas said. "We were counting on that \$3,000 and if we don't get it, we will have to cancel something ... That makes everyone look bad. It makes PB look bad and it makes the SA look bad."

Salinas expressed agitation with the way the Senate conducted

itself in debate over this issue, and he demanded accountability.

"They closed debate while I was gone (to the PB office to find a memorandum concerning funding for Homecoming) simply because they were sick and tired of talking about it," Salinas said.

Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski cut off graduate Sen. Frank Vitolo (Law) when he asked Salinas for a dollar amount he felt PB was owed. Gayoski stated that Vitolo was out of order and that "this is not a wheeling and dealing session with (Salinas)."

Graduate Sen. Jahna Hartwig (Law) asked Salinas if PB expected to have any unused funds at the end of the year. Salinas was unable to produce an answer, and Hartwig asked if PB had rolled over funds last year. Salinas again could not answer, and Hartwig said she believed PB had rolled over approximately \$16,000 last year.

"If they're (PB) going to roll over \$16,000, why are they coming to us for \$3,000?" Hartwig said.

Undergraduate Sen. Hal Kenefsky (CSAS) disagreed.

"We have it in our bylaws to give them this money regardless if they roll over money or not," Kenefsky said.

The Senate also discussed whether the bylaws call for the SA to fund the total cost of Homecoming as it is submitted by PB after the event, or if the Senate is only responsible for the portion of the costs approved by the Finance Committee in October.

Salinas insisted that by submitting the final costs of Homecoming to the Finance Committee after the event took place, he was following the instructions given to him by Blackford.

"I was going on what Blackford told me to do — to submit the budget afterwards," Salinas said.

Vitolo said the debate basically came down to Salinas' word against Blackford's about when the budget had to be submitted for Homecoming. "If it's a problem of one (person's) word against another, then sue him," Vitolo said.

Salinas said he asked SA President Damian McKenna if there is any way the executive branch can provide the \$3,000 necessary to keep Spring Fling programming intact.

Salinas said McKenna is looking into the matter, but this late into the year, all co-sponsorship money has already been allocated.

"It is out of our (PB's) hands. The students are going to have to storm the SA and demand that this doesn't happen again," Salinas said.

Debate was closed on the issue without action being taken.

Earlier in the meeting, the Senate passed a bill that amended the financial bylaws of the SA.

The debate on the bill centered around an addition to the bylaws that would create an allocation of student funds directly to the Senate. This allocation would be used to fund programs and activities created and supported by the Senate, such as the Issue Awareness Nights begun by undergraduate Sen. Adam Siple (CSAS) last semester.

In the previous bylaws, a sena-

tor had to go to the SA president to ask for funding for any of these types of activities. According to the new bylaws, the EVP would present a budget for the Senate to the Finance Committee after consulting committee chairs. The Finance Committee would then decide on the funds to be allocated to the Senate.

Several senators voiced concern over the logistics of the bylaw. Freshman Sen. Ed Meinert offered an amendment that would make committee chairs directly responsible for submitting the budget, rather than going through the EVP.

Graduate Sen. Scott Haggard (SBPM) defended the bylaw as proposed. "The EVP is the executive financial chair of the Senate and should have some say in the budget ... the chairs will go through the EVP," he said.

After the amendment was defeated, Meinert and Kenefsky proposed another amendment to alter the bylaw to state that "a budget will be submitted by the executive vice president and the committee chairs."

McKenna said the proposal was "absolutely political (and) absurd."

Meinert said the money in question was student money, so the committee chairs should have the right to tell the Finance Committee what they intended to do with their budgets.

The Meinert-Kenefsky amendment also was voted down.

Graduate Sen. Randy Papadopoulos (CSAS) proposed including a 10 percent cap on Senate funding for any one specific event proposed by the legislative branch, to avoid "giving away the store" by spending an exorbitant amount on one program.

That amendment also failed.

The Senate also recast votes on a bylaw that would prohibit student groups from using SA funding to support a candidate for SA, PB or MCGB elections by means of published or printed endorsements. The vote was taken again because of a problem with proxy votes at a previous meeting. The bill, which passed at the previous Senate meeting, failed at Tuesday night's meeting.

Graduate Sen. Emily Cummins (CSAS), a sponsor of the bill, said she knew the bill would fail when it was voted on for a second time because other senators who had previously supported the bill changed their votes. She said she plans to present the bill again at the first Senate meeting in September.

In other business, Siple announced that an agreement had been reached with several area rental car companies to offer discount rates to GW students. Most of the discounts are for 15 percent off of the cost of the rental, and at least one includes allowing students as young as 18 years old to rent vehicles.

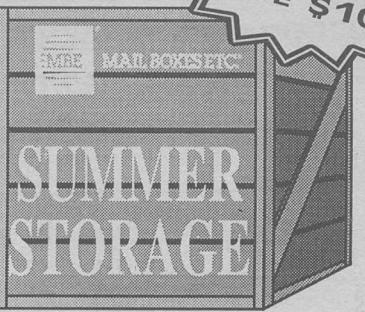
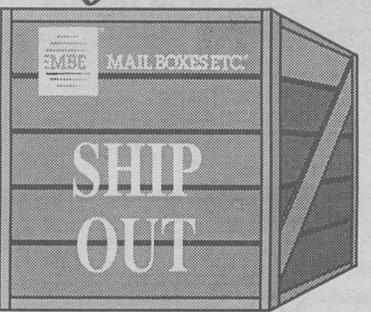
Siple also announced that in accordance with the rape and sexual assault resolution passed by the Senate, next year's student planner will list resources for victims of sexual assault, as well as listing victims' rights.

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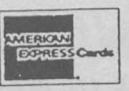
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Class of '97 raises \$1,800 despite criticism

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Some GW seniors have agreed to contribute to specific organizations or services, although others questioned the timing and motives of the campaign.

"I didn't think the way they presented it was good," senior Jason Mika said.

So far, more than 100 seniors have contributed a total of \$1,800 to the campaign. Nearly all of the contributions have come from phone solicitation, Rembold said. The participation rate of seniors contacted by the campaign is 23 percent, while GW's regular percentage of alumni giving is 18 percent, he added.

"It appealed to me because you can direct it

to wherever you want it to go," said Jason Chautin, a member of the steering committee who is donating money to the School of Business and Public Management and the leadership fund. "I want GW ... to improve, even after I graduate."

One emphasis of the campaign was the need to improve GW's ranking in the *U.S. News & World Report's* top schools by increasing the rate of alumni giving, the letter said.

"If all it took was large sums of money to make us well-ranked, GW would have sucked us dry from the beginning," senior Anna Speciale said. "If they really want more money, they can take it out of my library gift."

One goal of the campaign is to educate graduating seniors about the importance of alumni giving, Salinas said. He has pledged to donate \$100 incrementally, he said.

"It's not important how much you give, but that you participate," he said. "The bottom line is that we are asking people to give voluntarily. Unlike tuition, it's not mandatory. I signed (the letter) because I believe in it."

The last time GW ran a senior class gift campaign was 1994, although such programs are common at many schools. The campaign will be continued next year, and several juniors serve on this year's steering committee, Rembold said.

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Thefts

- 2033 G Street, April 16. An employee reported the theft of his bicycle.
- Academic Center, April 16. An employee reported the theft of a laptop computer from his third-floor office.
- Academic Center, April 19. An employee reported the theft of \$5 in loose change from his fifth-floor office.
- Gelman Library, April 18. A visitor to the University reported the theft of cash and a Metro fare card from her wallet on the third floor.
- Gelman Library, April 21. An employee reported the theft of a laptop computer and zip drive from his seventh-floor office.
- Gelman Library, April 21. An employee reported the theft of a laptop computer and accessories from his seventh-floor office.
- Gelman Library, April 21. An employee reported the theft of a camcorder and tripod from his seventh-floor office.
- Marvin Center, April 17. A student reported the theft of her watch.
- Marvin Center, April 20. A student reported the theft of a textbook from the fifth floor.
- Smith Center, April 17. A student reported the theft of cash from his locker. The locker was unsecured at the time of the theft.
- Smith Center, April 21. An employee reported the theft of her gym bag and miscellaneous clothing items from her locker.
- Thurston Hall, April 18. A resident reported that her room on the fifth floor was entered and a wallet was stolen with credit cards and ID.

Harassments

- April 18. A student reported receiving threats of bodily harm from an individual over the Internet.
- April 20. A student reported receiving harassing telephone calls from another student when she was working at her work study job.

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Sit-in expresses 'sense of disaffection'

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students use the library between midnight and 6 a.m. Because of the lack of attendance and a shortage of community service officers, Gelman Library and UPD made a joint decision to close the reading room between 3 and 7 a.m.

"Despite what (the students) say they want, they don't really use the library," Siggins said.

However, when the eight students who participated in the sit-in on Tuesday night planned to continue the sit-in Wednesday, they found the reading room open all night.

UPD Director Dolores Stafford explained that keeping the reading room open was due to an increase in its use.

"If there is a major amount of

people who want to study, I have no problem keeping the facilities open," Stafford said.

But according to Rajan, the students returned to the reading room to study Thursday night, expecting it to be open, but instead the reading room closed at 3 a.m. again.

"I was stunned," Rajan said.

Siggins said the 24-hour reading room will stay open all night during finals and all of next year. He explained that next fall, Gelman, in a joint effort with the Computer Information and Resource Center, will add 50 to 60 new computers in the basement

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- Dolores Stafford

computer room, which will be open 24 hours.

Robert Kalvelek, head of building operations at Gelman Library, also acknowledged the importance of the reading room.

"We at Gelman preferred the room open 24 hours," Kalvelek said.

But students who participated in the sit-in said even if the reading room is re-opened, it would not alleviate concerns about the administration's decision to raise tuition and cut faculty. Groves and Rajan, also members of SAYIT (Students Against Yearly

Increases in Tuition), said they still feel that "there is an unmistakable sense of disaffection toward the administration by students right now."

Sit-in participants also said they hope to increase the dialogue between students and the University.

In a statement explaining the sit-in, the students wrote, "The participants of the sit-in ask President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and all eight vice presidents to convene a town hall meeting, at a time and location convenient for both themselves and students, to thoroughly explain exactly what will come out of the tuition increase and to make clear that students' concerns are respectfully heeded."

Unchecked spending forces cuts

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said. "I think that the departments should have had some input before the cuts were made."

Sten also said the cuts were to be made in a "ridiculous time period," which he estimated to be about 24 hours.

"I got the information together ... and realized that if I didn't notify chairs on Monday, it was going to be a real mess," Caress said of his decision, which was made the weekend before registration began.

Several students said they were upset by the cuts in adjunct faculty, adding that it limits the educational opportunities offered to them.

"I think (cutting the adjunct faculty budget) is a poorly considered choice," said Emily Cummins, a CSAS graduate student and Student Association senator. "It is integral to the education of George Washington."

"Forty percent of the faculty in political science and almost 50 percent in statistics are adjunct faculty members." She also named the history department as one that will be hurt by the cuts.

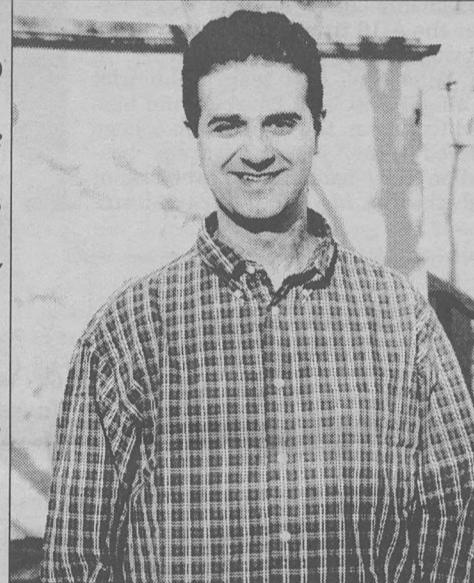
"We all pay a lot to attend GW so we expect the best education we can get," said Rob Hendin, SA vice president for undergraduate student policy-designate. "Certain (classes taught by adjunct professors) make this a unique university ... by losing that edge it is going to hurt a little bit."

Hendin added that by forming a coalition between the students, part-time faculty and full-time professors, a difference can be made. "We need to work from the bottom up to turn (the cut in part-time faculty) around."

"I think it is really a tragedy that we are losing professors, which are a fundamental aspect of a university," SA President-elect Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar said. That should be the last thing to be cut."

"(Faculty) should be the last thing to be cut."

-Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar,
Student Association president-elect



One of the effects of the 18 percent cut will be the loss of faculty who are actively involved in the field they are teaching.

"Part-time and adjunct professors provide excellent opportunities to students because their outside expertise enhances education for students," senior Mike Harmanos said.

Harmanos takes a public relations course in the journalism department taught by adjunct professor Michael Sheward. The class will not be offered next semester because of the adjunct faculty cut, said Jean Folkerts, acting director of the School of Media and Public Affairs.

"I made a choice of which courses to cut," Folkerts said. "We were careful to do this without hurting students."

She said she decided to cut the public relations class due to low enrollment, but that it could be available in the spring semester.

"Professionals who practice what they teach provide real world perspectives in fields such as public relations," Harmanos said. "(The University) gets fairly good professionals at a low price and this is what they are doing away with."

Caress has offered increased enrollment in classes as a possible solution to the cuts.

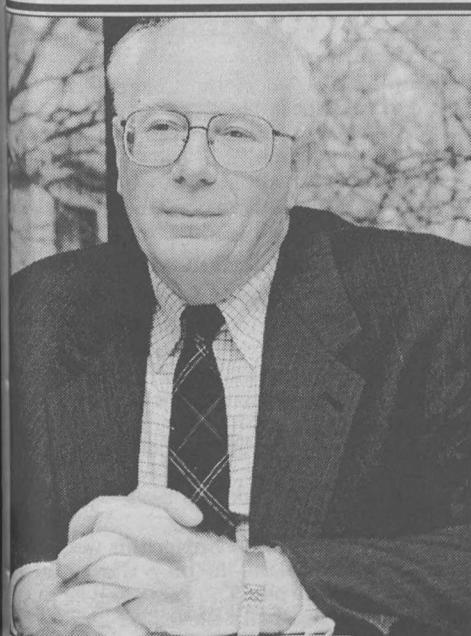
"(Department chairs) can increase the cap on a course," Caress said. "I think that most of us would agree that the difference between 20 and 23 (students in a class) is roughly small."

"I think overall the classes will increase," Hendin said. "It is not good for the quality of education. It prevents really good student-teacher interaction. Overall, students like smaller classes so you can focus more and do more of what they want to do. Large classes don't seem to have that."

-Shruti Date contributed to this report.

"I don't think any of the money was misspent. The problem was that it wasn't planned and wasn't scheduled."

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SPORTS

Power-hitting Allen uses quick swing to make his mark at GW

BY DAVE ADLER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

As GW's power-hitting leftfielder closes in on the Colonial record for homeruns in a season, he cannot help but reflect on his freshman and sophomore years.

Troy Allen was an all-or-nothing hitter through his first two collegiate seasons. Allen's at-bats usually ended in a strike-out or homerun. His .274 career average reflected his erratic style of hitting.

This year is different. Along with his 17 homeruns have come plenty of base hits. Allen is hitting .333 on the year, nearly a 60-point improvement.

Allen tied Allen Browning's GW single-season homerun record Tuesday against Towson State. The mark had stood since 1992.

But Allen, a junior out of South Lakes High School (Grant Hill's alma mater) in Reston, Va., has improved his average as much as his power. And he credits GW head coach Tom Walter and assistant Joe Raccua.

"They did a lot of things with my swing to make it quicker," Allen said.

The statistic that clearly shows Allen's turn-around is the strikeout category. In his first two seasons, Allen fanned 75 times. The strikeouts represented a third of his total at-bats during those seasons. This season he has struck out just 33 times in 153 at bats. Allen said making the "180-degree turn-around" from the strikeouts to the homerun record means a lot to him.

Allen's high average is testament to his versatility as a hitter. He is a left-handed hitter who can hit to all fields. "I hit the ball a lot better to the opposite field," Allen said. But he added that when ahead in the count he will look for an inside pitch to drive.

The ability to handle different pitches and use all fields could give Allen an opportunity to play professional baseball. "I would like to play professionally, but it is hard to do. I hope that one day it will be possible ... that's what you dream of when you're growing up," he said.

Before Allen entertains the thought of pro baseball, he still has a promising senior season to play at GW — a season in which Allen will be chasing another record, Browning's career mark of 38 homers. Allen has already accumulated 31 round-trippers.

Allen conceded that it will be tough to top his personal production from this season, but he does have one team goal left for next season — winning an Atlantic 10 championship. Allen said he looks forward to going after the A-10 title with the recruiting class Walter will bring in next year.

In high school, Allen was first team all-district and second team all-state in both baseball and basketball. He decided to play on the diamond in college because he considered himself just an "average" basketball player. Allen also said he chose baseball because of the advantages his 6-5, 240-pound size gave him.

The Wizard's Words

NBA: Bulls not over the hill yet

This has been an interesting season in the NBA. On one hand, it was a great one. You had an immensely talented rookie class, some exciting playoff races and another brilliant performance by the Chicago Bulls. But there was also constant griping about the rookies' collectively poor attitudes and a league-wide lack of scoring.

Well, starting Thursday, you can forget about all the rhetoric of the regular season. It's playoff time, and the action on the court should be thrilling throughout the spring.

The Eastern Conference should provide the grittier action, while the Western Conference will be a lot more high-flying. But the competition should be stiff across the league in the first round.

East

Knicks vs. Hornets: This should be the East's best first-round matchup. The Hornets gave the Knicks fits all year, and Anthony Mason will be playing even angrier than usual as he tries to upset his overpaid ex-teammates. He'll fail, but not until the Hornets extend the Knicks to a five-game series.

West

Rockets vs. Timberwolves: I would love to see the refreshing 'Wolves upset the tired Rockets, and it just might happen. I'm not convinced that the Rockets' aging triumvirate of Hakeem Olajuwon, Clyde Drexler and

Charles Barkley know how to play as a group in a tight game. Even if the Rockets get away with a likely first-round triumph, expect them to get bounced in round two.

Jazz vs. Clippers: You have to love the Clippers. They're the only team that has 10 players with exactly the same amount of talent. Who's better, Malik Sealy or Lamond Murray? Brent Barry or Terry Dehere? Rodney Rogers or Loy Vaught? This college all-American team will be no match for the Jazz, who just might reach the finals this year.

SuperSonics vs. Suns: Who knows? If the combustible Sonics aren't prepared, Phoenix could give them trouble. But after a scare in game one or two, I see Seattle winning this series in five games.

Trail Blazers vs. Lakers: The Blazers, an emotional bunch with an outstanding point guard in Kenny Anderson, should have enough to beat the Lakers in five games. I think Los Angeles might well win the title next year, but it has too many injuries to establish enough rhythm to even get out of this year's first round.

—Ben Osborne

Golfers finish 11th at Newport Invitational

The GW golf team played without its top two players and still finished a respectable 11th out of 16 teams at the Newport Invitational in Rhode Island last weekend.

Luis Barrutia and Rob Duva stayed in Washington to take care of academic responsibilities, according to head coach Scott Allen.

"Since the teams were mostly from District I, (our finish) wouldn't affect our District II standings ... It was the best possible tournament for Luis and Rob to miss," Allen said.

In their place, Mark Gandee and Jeremy Rohan picked up their games, shooting 75 and 76, respectively, in the first round. Gandee's score placed him seventh in the individual standings.

"Mark and Jeremy stepped it up," Allen said. "The weather was horrible. It was cold, windy and rainy, which made their scores even more impressive."

The poor conditions canceled the tournament's second round.

With Barrutia and Duva missing, Allen pulled Greg Kroll (83) and Dan Reardon (84) off the "B" Team for the tournament at the Green Valley Country Club.

Allen said Kroll and Reardon played "OK." Kroll hit 13 greens in regulation in his round, but struggled with his putts on the poor greens. The 13 greens was a feat that Allen said was "good" for a player on the professional tour. Had the greens been in better condition, Kroll's score could have been much lower.

—Dave Adler



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor
GW leftfielder Troy Allen tied the GW single-season homerun record Tuesday against Towson State with his 17th.

Colonials fall to Towson State despite Allen's record-tying home run

BY DAVE ADLER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW baseball team lost its third straight game Tuesday at Towson State.

Despite the 13-8 loss, junior leftfielder Troy Allen tied the GW single-season homerun record with his 17th of the year.

The Colonials pounded out 12 hits, but two errors and six walks eventually did GW in. The loss dropped the Colonials to 15-28 on the year.

Junior right-hander David Kloes was victimized by consecutive walks that led directly to two runs in the first. Kloes pitched four innings, gave up five runs and took the loss, his sixth of the year.

The Tigers scored four off Kloes in the third before the Colonials mounted a comeback. Down 5-1 in the fourth, Allen's homer brought GW within two. Another run in the fifth cut the lead to just one.

Head coach Tom Walter brought in Ryan Dewey to pitch in the fifth. The Towson State batters jumped all over Dewey for two runs in the fifth and four in the sixth before he was lifted for Ari Zagaris. Dewey walked four 1/2 innnings.

The Tigers stretched the lead to 12-4 before the Colonials knocked three in the eighth to make the score respectable.

Allen continued his destruction of opposing pitchers against the Tigers by going 3-4. He drove in three runs and doubled in addition to his record-tying homer. The three RBIs gave Allen a team-high 44 for the year.

His three hits in four times to the plate also tied Allen with Dwayne Crawley for the team lead in batting average at .333. Crawley said he and Allen have worked well together this year. "We complement each other well."

... I get on base and he drives me in."

"(Allen) has been our MVP all year. Around the middle of the season, the team knew he was going to (set the record). He was just swinging the bat too well not to get the record," Walter said.

Allen was one of four Colonial hitters to have multiple hits off Tiger pitcher. Sophomore catcher Joe Beichert hit his 13th double of the year in a 3-4 performance.

Sophomore Mike Roberts went 2-5 with a triple. Roberts is immediately behind Allen and Crawley with a .329 average. Senior Scott Giuliana also had two hits. Giuliana is hitting .294 and leads the team with 18 stolen bases.

In addition to the regularly scheduled game at Xavier this weekend, the Colonials will make an unscheduled stop in Cleveland to play Cleveland State, coached by former GW head coach Jay Murphy. The game will be played at Jacobs Field, the home of major league baseball's Cleveland Indians.

SPORTS

Tennis teams surge at A-10

Women place 2nd, men 3rd in conference tourney

BY JAMIE LIN

HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Regular post-match gatherings and bonding sessions were part of a season marked by team unity for the GW tennis teams.

The season ended last weekend with a second place finish for the women and third for the men at the Atlantic 10 championships.

"I think that this year we came together as a team off the court more than the past, which led to better wins on the court because we spent time together," junior Brad Shafran said.

The women had two freshmen to take under their wings. "It was rough. They had to get adjusted and we had to get adjusted to them," junior Julie Kim said. "At first everything was new."

Despite prevailing injuries, the men and women were able to maintain their seedings at the tournament, which was eventually won by host Virginia Tech. The women's road to the finals included a shut-out Dayton and a 5-2 victory over Massachusetts.

Four quick victories were all that was needed to defeat the Flyers. Helen Andrews, who was named A-10 women's tennis performer of the year, won 6-4, 6-0. Freshmen Ghada Skaff and Sarine Weingarten, who joined Andrews on the A-10 all-conference team, stayed at the No. 2 and No. 4 positions, respectively, and won 6-2, 6-1 and 6-3, 6-1. Holly Huntley gave the Colonial Women a 6-1, 6-4 victory at the No. 3 spot.

Kim joined the contest in the semifinals. Playing through extreme pain, she stayed tough and won 6-3, 4. "I haven't played in three weeks, so it was sort of interesting to go out and be competitive," Kim said. In a repeat of the finals from last year, GW suffered a 4-0 loss to the Hokies, not even finishing all the

matches once the result was academic. "If we played out singles, it would have been 4-2, because Helen and Julie would have won," Aarthi Rajaraman said.

Kim played an old rival and lost the first set. After some pointers from head coach Joe Mesmer, she fought back to win the second set 6-3, but the match was called off with Kim leading 1-0 in the third set.

The men also started the tournament with a shutout, 4-0 against Xavier. But to get to the finals, the men had to get through a Temple team they were seeking to get revenge on for a previous loss. Although they were unsuccessful in their bid and fell 4-2, junior Evan Harte said the team put in a much better effort this time around.

Harte went undefeated in tournament play, winning all three of his matches. His performance helped offset the loss of all-conference player Anders Bergkvist, who only lasted one match due to a back injury.

"I just personally wanted to finish off where you can feel good about yourself," Harte said. "Hopefully that kind of feeling can carry into next year."

Now the team will get a well-deserved break and concentrate on being, as Lowder said, "simply students" for the next two weeks.

"Everyone is now going to take some serious time off and revive their bodies," Harte said. "After a long season, little nicks start to take their toll."

Both the women's and men's teams are expected to remain intact, with no seniors on the women's side this year and Rob Frankel the lone graduate from the men's team.

"I'm very anxious to play next year," Harte said. "We definitely know what it feels like to have a disappointing season and we definitely don't want to have one next year," he said.

GW crew takes second down south

BY CLAIRE DUGGAN

HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW crew team finished second overall at the Southeast Intercollegiate Rowing Association at Towson Regatta in Oak Ridge, Tenn., last Saturday.

Eight out of the nine GW boats placed in their races. GW had one first-place finish, six second places and one third-place finish.

The University of Virginia placed first overall at the meet and finished first in every race in which GW placed second.

"The results were really good," head coach Steve Peterson said. "The only bummer was Virginia, fifth and we came in second."

In the men's varsity eight race, Virginia did not prevail.

GW took first place in the heat with a time of 5:58.9, ahead of five other boats. UVA was last in 6:11.2.

Peterson said the men's varsity boat did not do anything out of the ordinary in preparation for the race, but simply did some "good hard training."

The women's varsity eight placed second in 6:45.7, almost 13 seconds ahead of third place North Carolina State, which finished in 6:59.0. Victorious Virginia crossed the finish line about 11 seconds ahead of GW.

The GW women's lightweight eight boat also received a silver in its race, finishing five seconds behind UVA in 7:21.6. Texas, Loyola College, Tennessee and Central Florida crossed the finish line after GW.

Two women's freshman eight boats rowed at the regatta. One finished in second place with a time of 7:21.7 and the other finished in fifth place with a time of 7:52.9.

One of the GW men's freshman eight boats also placed second. The Colonials crossed the finish line in 6:10.1 while Virginia finished in 6:05.5. Ohio State was third with a time of 6:13.0.

The other GW men's freshman eight boat also received a silver with a time of 6:31.5. As in the other men's freshman eight race, Virginia was first and Ohio State third.

The GW women will participate this weekend in the Atlantic 10 crew championship in Camden, N.J.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Jarvis to be president of NABC

GW men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis will serve as president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches for the 1997-98 season. Jarvis will become the NABC's 68th president, succeeding Bob Hanson of Kansas State.

Joining Jarvis as NABC vice presidents will be Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, Denny Crum of Louisville, Purdue coach Gene Keady and Art McAfee of Morehouse.

Basketball camp to hold two sessions

The "Shoot Straight Basketball Day Camp" for ages 8-16 will offer two sessions this summer at the Smith Center. Jarvis and his coaching staff, high school coaches and college players will run sessions June 23-27 and June 29-July 3. The camp emphasizes

teamwork and sportsmanship with instruction in fundamental basketball skills.

For more information, call the GW men's basketball office at 994-6651.

Cermignano, McCrea to speak with sixth graders

GW women's basketball stars Lisa Cermignano and Colleen McCrea will talk with 33 sixth grade girls from Stratford Landing Elementary school in Alexandria, Va., at the American Association of University Women Thursday.

Cermignano and McCrea, who helped lead GW to its first ever "Elite Eight" appearance as seniors last season, will talk about self-esteem and how women can break down barriers in sports. The event is in celebration of the fifth annual Take Our Daughters to Work Day.

-Dave Mann

Assistant coach to test WNBA waters

BY DUSTIN GOUKER

HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

second all-time in school history in rebounds (823) and field goal percentage (.538), and third in blocked shots (66).

"I feel confident going into the draft and in my skill in playing basketball even though I have been out of the game for a couple years," Ambers said. Both Ambers and Abraham will find out their respective fates April 28, when the WNBA will hold its first-ever draft.

While Abraham has been dubbed a "premier player" by the media, Ambers' status coming into the draft is much less certain.

Even if none of the eight teams selects Ambers Monday, she still will be under contract with the WNBA from now until Aug. 21. This means she still could be called on to play in the league, if the need arises. A California native, Ambers would obviously prefer to play for one of the teams - Los Angeles or Sacramento - in her home state, but still just wants the opportunity to play.

Ambers also has another advantage over many of the hopefuls in the draft. She has spent three years on the GW bench beside McKeown, giving her insight into the game that many players do not have. Ambers is planning on returning as a coach next year.

"I have a different respect for the game now," Ambers said. "I know the game, and I am more mature. There are certain things that you can pick up or see as a coach that you didn't really notice as a player."



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Third-year GW assistant coach Monique Ambers (standing behind head coach Joe McKeown) has signed a contract with the WNBA.

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